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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Mercury Building  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423



**RE: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 602X)**  
**CSX Transportation, Inc.**  
**Abandonment in Limestone County, Alabama**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed are the original and ten (10) copies of the Publisher's Affidavit referred to in CSX Transportation, Inc.'s Notice of Exemption to Abandon filed on November 30, 2001 in the above-captioned matter. As you can see from the Affidavit, the Notice of Exemption to Abandon was printed in The News-Courier, a newspaper of general circulation, on November 25, 2001.

Very truly yours,

*Natalie S. Rosenberg*  
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PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ALABAMA  
LIMESTONE COUNTY,

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority in and for said county and state, Limestone, Alabama, who after being duly sworn deposes and says: My name is Tony Riley, I am Advertising Manager of The News-Courier, a newspaper of general circulation, published 5 times weekly in Athens, Limestone County, Alabama.

The copy of publication hereto attached was published in said paper for one day. Copy of said notice appearing in the issue of said paper published on the 25th day of November, 2001.

Signed: Tony Riley  
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28th day of December, 2001.

Notary Public Carey B. Boush

My Commission Expires:  
January 29, 2005.

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STB No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 602X)

Notice of Exemption  
to Abandon a Line of Railroad

CSX Transportation, Inc. hereby gives notice that on or about November 30, 2001, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903, et. seq., permitting the abandonment of a portion of its line of railroad in the Midwest Region, known as its Nashville Division, S&NA North Subdivision, extending from railroad Milepost 000-290.2 to railroad Milepost 000-290.76 in Athens, Limestone County, Alabama, a distance of 0.56 miles, which traverses through United States Postal Service Zip Code, 35611, in Limestone County, Alabama. The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 602X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 60 days after the filing of the notice for abandonment exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 30 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to SEA, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling SEA at (202) 565-1526.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Request for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters such as trails use, public use and offers of financial assistance must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3 (a) ], and one copy must be served on applicant's representative [See 49 CFR 1104.12 (a) ]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at (202) 565-1594. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative (Natalie S. Rosenberg, Counsel, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, J-150, Jacksonville, FL 32202).

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